

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee – November 14, 2008

Chair Bonnie Morris called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Bonnie Morris (Chair), Kathleen Cummings, John Pledl and Jean Tortomasi. **Absent:** Supervisors Dave Falstad, James Behrend and Peter Wolff.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Senior Financial Analyst Lyndsay Johnson, Circuit Court Services Business Manager Bob Snow, Captain Kevin McDonald, Deputy Inspector Eric Severson, and CJCC Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj.

Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2008

MOTION: Tortomasi moved, second by Pledl, to approve the minutes of October 3, 2008. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Committee Report

Morris reviewed the items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of November 10, 2008:

- Update and Discussion on Programs, Policies and Projects for UW-Waukesha by Dean Patrick Schmidt
- Appointments to the Orchard Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

- Morris attended the Security and Facilities Committee meeting on November 11, 2008. She summarized the items discussed, including a discussion about the front door rehab, the secure corridor plan, and an update on courthouse security.
- Morris stated she has been appointed to the Committee Effective Justice Strategies for the Supreme Court (EJSS), and will attend a meeting in Madison on November 20 & 21.
- Tortomasi gave an update on the DOC, two-day session on November 6 & 7, regarding the RFP for the new dispatch CAD system. ,

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Pledl, to approve attendance at the Justice Roundtable with J.B. Van Hollen, held on October 28, 2008. Motion carried 4-0.

Future Meeting Date

- December 5, 2008

Courthouse Security Quarterly Update

Snow reviewed the handout entitled “Sheriff – Government Campus Activity and Security Update Report”. He provided background on how the information was collected and compiled into the report. The report covered the campus incident statistics for the period of January – September 2008. The total number of reported incident occurrences was 814, of which 464 resulted in arrest. The report further summarized the information under the following categories:

- Campus-Wide Activity and Incident Type Summary
- Location of Incident
- Injuries, Weapons, Illegal substance or Contraband Noted
- Security Activity by Threat Level

Snow noted that some of the incidents listed are rather vague. He stated they are working on fine-tuning some of reports to be more specific, and hope to be able to add more reporting in the next few months.

Tortomasi asked why the "Private Residence" category is included in the "Location of Incident" section. Snow stated this is a response to threats made to judges at their homes, including phone calls or letters. Tortomasi asked if separate tracking is done for incidents at the screening station and incidents elsewhere in the courthouse. Snow stated that much more information is captured than reported in this update. McDonald tracks the screening statistics separately, as well as the duress and door alarms.

McDonald reviewed the screening statistics. He stated that on average, about 1,081 people enter the building per day. Of that, about 13 people must be turned back because they are carrying prohibitive items (knives, screwdrivers, etc.). McDonald continued with a review of the Security Activity by Threat Level. He gave an example of a Level 3 threat incident (involving physical force) which had occurred at the Health & Human Services Center. He explained that a young man was experiencing an adverse reaction to his psychotropic medication and became disruptive. The incident occurred in the general lobby area, and some of the elderly citizens there at the time were upset by the incident. McDonald suggested that perhaps consideration should be given to providing a separate entrance at the ADRC for the elderly to use, to avoid exposure to such incidents in the future.

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Update

Luczaj reviewed a handout outlining the CJCC Committee/Subcommittee Updates:

Juvenile Justice: Luczaj reviewed the agenda items for the next meeting, which is scheduled for December 11, 2008. The items to be discussed include issues presented by Waukesha Public Schools representatives, the YouthBuild Grant Application/Partnership with Workforce Development, the loss of the Juvenile Community Service in the 2009 budget, and funding opportunities.

Programs & Alternatives: Agenda items for the December 17 meeting include a presentation by the Addiction Resource Council and Dr. Pamela Bean on biomarkers (a new alcohol testing procedure), a discussion of municipal offenders in jail and sentencing alternatives, and a discussion of whether Waukesha County would benefit from a Domestic Violence Specialty Court. Luczaj expressed that District Attorney Schimel had stated that in Waukesha County, a close second to alcohol related offences is domestic violence. Luczaj reported on a conference she recently attended in Miami, which included a presentation on the success of a Domestic Violence Specialty Court there.

Alcohol Treatment Court: Luczaj reported the items discussed at the meeting held on November 5. They talked about the current use of SCRAM, and discussed some national statistics submitted by Sara Carpenter of WCS. The statistics show that best practices point to using SCRAM for a minimum of 45 days to get the true reading on alcohol use patterns. Currently in Alcohol Treatment Court, SCRAM is used for only 15 days. Carpenter would like to implement changes to make the program more effective. Judge Dreyfus, Judge Foster, Luczaj and Carpenter will meet soon to discuss this issue further.

Also discussed were the current sanctions and incentives used in the program. Judge Foster cited the national drug court standards, which call for a ratio of 15:1 of incentives to sanctions. She would like to make sure Waukesha County is in line with those standards; more discussion will follow.

Luczaj reported that Carpenter would also like to increase the current support group meeting requirements. The national average of 90 contacts in 90 days is recommended, especially upfront

when it is so crucial to establish a support system. Now, only two meetings a week are required for the participants in Alcohol Treatment Court. Morris questioned changing the Alcohol Treatment Court Program when it is already so successful. Luczaj added that this issue must be explored and discussed further before any changes would be implemented. Tortomasi asked about how the increase in requirements would affect the budget. Luczaj stated it would not have any impact on the budget at all; however, the increased use of SCRAM would result in a higher cost to the individual.

Luczaj said the WI Association of Treatment Court Professionals Annual Conference would be held February 5 -6, 2009, at the Marriot West in Waukesha. Waukesha County was selected to host the conference because of its drug court. On February 5, conference attendees will observe the staffing and Waukesha County's Alcohol Treatment Court in operation.

Luczaj distributed the WCS – October 2008 statistics the Waukesha County Alcohol Treatment Court Program.

Pre-Trial: Luczaj reviewed the agenda items for the December 3 meeting, including an update from the Operating After Revocation Workgroup (OAR), OAR amendments update from District Attorney's Office, and implementation of a new DOT risk assessment tool in the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program.

Education & Public Relations – This Committee will meet in January to establish itself and develop initiatives. The agenda items include discussion and approval of membership and the creation of a CJCC brochure. Morris asked about development of a CJCC newsletter. Luczaj stated that is something they will work on, possibly producing a quarterly newsletter.

Legislative Update

Krahn clarified the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) issue that has been the subject of recent news articles. Krahn emphasized that it would be the choice of a county or municipality whether to participate in the RTA; no county or municipality would be forced into joining an RTA.

Krahn presented an update on the proposed 9-1-1 legislation. Tuma has been working on the drafting of legislation; the goal is to see that the proposal goes forward with just one PSAP per county.

Tour of Computer Forensics Lab - Sheriff's Department

Severson escorted the Committee members to the Sheriff's Department, where they met with Detective Ziebell for a tour of the Computer Forensics Lab.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary